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**ILLEGAL ALIEN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF METH AND RIFLE**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on December 4, 2006, a federal Grand Jury in Louisville **returned an Indictment** charging **FERNADO ORTIZ**, age 26, 1212 Lipps Lane, Louisville, Kentucky, with possession of more than 5 grams of methamphetamine for the purpose of distribution, and possession of a firearm by an illegal alien.

The Indictment charges that on October 6, 2006, **Ortiz** possessed more than 5 grams of methamphetamine with the intent of distributing it. The Indictment also charges he unlawfully possessed an AR-15 rifle as a result of his prohibited status as an unlawful alien.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 8 years. **Ortiz** is an illegal alien and will be subject to deportation after serving any sentence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John E. Kuhn, Jr., and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

**Ortiz** is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on December 12, 2006, at 9:15 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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